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SUBJECT: SPANISH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS IN MANAGUA

REF: A) MANAGUA 2197 (NOTAL), B) MANAGUA 1096

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SPANISH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC INTERNATIONAL LEADERS DEPUTY OSCAR ALZAGA AND SENATOR JAVIER RUPEREZ MET WITH NICARAGUAN VICE PRESIDENT SERGIO RAMIREZ ON APRIL 3, ONE DAY BEFORE CONGRESSMAN ASPIN'S MEETING (REF A) WITH RAMIREZ. DURING THE MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN ASPIN, RAMIREZ, IN RESPONSE TO THE CONGRESSMAN'S QUESTION ON THE SIX-PARTY DOCUMENT, GRINNED AND ASKED THAT THE DOCUMENT BE FURTHER IDENTIFIED. WHEN RAMIREZ WAS SATISFIED THAT HE AND THE CONGRESSMAN WERE DISCUSSING THE SAME DOCUMENT, HE SAID THE GON HAD NOT BOTHERED TO STUDY THE DOCUMENT BECAUSE THE INTERNAL OPPOSITION WAS LINKED TO THE CONTRAS. MENTIONING THE SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY (MEMBER OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC INTERNATIONAL), WHICH HAS DRAFTED ITS OWN PROPOSED CONSTITUTION, RAMIREZ SAID THE INTERNAL OPPOSITION SHOULD SPEND ITS TIME COMMENTING ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S DRAFT CONSTITUTION (REF B). RAMIREZ, THE PREVIOUS DAY, HAD DISCUSSED THAT DOCUMENT IN DEPTH WITH THE SPANISH VISITORS. SOCIAL CHRISTIAN VICE PRESIDENT AZUCENA FERREY TOLD DEPUTY CHIEF OF POL ON APRIL 6 THAT THE SPANISH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS HAD TOLD RAMIREZ THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS HAVING SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN EUROPE. RAMIREZ, ACCORDING TO FERREY, REPLIED THAT THE GON HAD STUDIED THE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY AND THAT THE GON WAS PREPARING TO OFFER TO INTERNAL OPPOSITION PARTIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH THE FSLN. FERREY SAID RAMIREZ DID NOT EQUIVOCATE ON THE OFFER TO ENTER INTO DIALOGUE; HE PROMISED THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS THAT THE FSLN/GON WOULD DO SO.

3. COMMENT: THE ABOVE IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THE FSLN HABIT OF TAILORING REMARKS TO AN OCCASION. THE FSLN IS CONVINCED THE CONGRESS WILL APPROVE PRESIDENT REAGAN'S AID PACKAGE TO THE CONTRAS AND SEES LITTLE GAIN IN IMPLYING THAT THE FSLN MAY MAKE CONCESSIONS TO THE INTERNAL OPPOSITION. SPAIN'S FELIPE GONZALEZ IS ANOTHER QUESTION; THE FSLN WANTS TO KEEP SPANISH AID FLOWING. AS TO WHICH VERSION MORE ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE FSLN REALITY,

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WE SUSPECT RAMIREZ WAS SIMPLY HOLDING OPEN A POLICY OPTION  
WITH THE SPANIARDS, BUT THAT NO INTERNAL DIALOGUE WILL BE  
FORTHCOMING UNLESS INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO DO SO IN-  
CREASES SIGNIFICANTLY. BERGOLD  
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